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Rapid River News!



Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon)
November 9, 2009 Volume 4 Issue 43

From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Click here for LRRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Be-Da/Bin and Education Talent Show

There's still time to get in on the Talent Show for our Elders taking place on December 5th. Please see the flyer below and join in the fun.

IACP Recognition for TPD officers

Sgt. Mark Szynski and Officer Mike Brown have received recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Indian Police section for a heroic rescue they conducted on Lake Michigan last year. See the next Currents for more details.

Casino Board Meeting!

The next Casino Open Board meetings are scheduled for November 13th and December 11th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

Peregrine Falcon



This is an update on the Falcon that was recovered from the community center in October. The falcon is at Wings of wonder and is recovering. The web site below has information about the Falcon under Rebecca's blog. <http://www.wingsofwonder.org/>. The falcon was discovered by Pat Wilson and was taken to Wings of Wonder rehab center in Empire by Natural Resources. Thanks to all for helping!

Warriors Society updates:



Veteran's Day November 11th at:

8:00 a.m. - Veterans are encouraged to visit the LRRCR Players Club Booth to receive one complimentary, limited edition, Veterans Day hat. (while supplies last)

11:00 a.m. - A special salute to the Armed Forces will take place at the Welcoming Hearth (hotel lobby area). All local Veterans are welcome.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660



December meeting in Muskegon. The December 5th meeting of the Warriors Society will be held at the Muskegon Tribal Center at 10 a.m.



Elders Conference at Three Fires. Almost 180 Tribal Elders attended the conference over the weekend. The Elders Secretary submitted this thank you:
November 9th, 2009

The Elders Committee would like to Thank You all very much for helping us making our Elders Conference a big success. We received quite a few compliments on the conference this year. With you all volunteering your time and information it made our conference a well-informed and enjoyable conference.

Thank you all very, very much!!!!

- Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks



Optical Service

Beginning October 1, 2009, GTB will only service members of other Federally Recognized tribes that live in their service area (Antrim, Benzie, Manistee, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties). Non GTB members will no longer have discount privileges and they will be charged the full amount. This is for optical services only. No word on anything else (medical, dental). According to Gina Wright (CHS/EHAP Supervisor) these should still be less costly than regular retail/optical stores.

E-Team

The Tribal Incident Command Team has been officially formed up on the States' E-Team network. Our notification group will be used when incidents occur which might impact the tribe or its lands. This further enhances our participation and role as part of the States' emergency response mechanism.

(Kateri Circle)

"Men and women have an equal responsibility to restore the strength of the family, which is the foundation of all cultures."

--Haida Gwaii Traditional Circle of Elders

The family is the heartbeat of strength of the culture. The grandfathers and grandmothers taught their children; they in turn had children who taught their children. If the family isn't taught the culture, then the children become adults, and the adults become the grandfathers and grandmothers, and the result is the culture becomes lost. This is how language is lost; this is how dances are lost; this is how knowledge is lost. We need to listen to our Elders, today, before it's too late.

Great Spirit, teach me the culture so I can teach the children.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

**THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.
TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.**

Art Exhibit moves

The recent Anishinaabe art exhibit held at Hardy Hall through the Manistee Art Institute has completed its' run and is now on display at West Shore Medical Center.

If you missed the exhibit here is another chance to see the wonder art of
"Anishinaabe Art is Good Medicine."

Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle

"Doing all things in a Good Way"



"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"



Talking Circle meeting scheduled!
Aanii piish (where) Justice Center.
Wenesh pii (when)..... November 30th at 5:30

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS PEACEMAKING/PROBATION
DEPARTMENT
"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"
3031 Domres Road
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 11-02-09. If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.
Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, November 9, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09239TA - Wahr, Philip Trust Access
- 11:00 a.m. 09097DM - Crawford v. Crawford Final Divorce

Monday, November 16, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09206GC - Skiera v. Sprague Pretrial

Thursday, November 19, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 08310GC - Detz v. Tribe Trial

Friday, November 20, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 07188NA (Closed hrg.)
- 11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 09053NA (Closed hrg.)
- 1:15 p.m. Neglect/Abuse 08284NA (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06204GM (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06205GM (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06206GM (Closed hrg.)

Ogema in D.C.

Ogema Larry Romanelli spent several days in Washington D.C. last week for the President's Tribal Meetings. He reported that he made a number of excellent contacts for the tribe and renewed some old acquaintances within the federal departments. More details will follow.



Veterans Dance & Feast. The match-e-be-she-wish Band is holding a Veterans' event on the 11th of November at the Louella Collins Center, 419 126th St. Wayland, MI 49348. For more information contact George Martin at 616.896.7576.

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Beneficiary Forms:

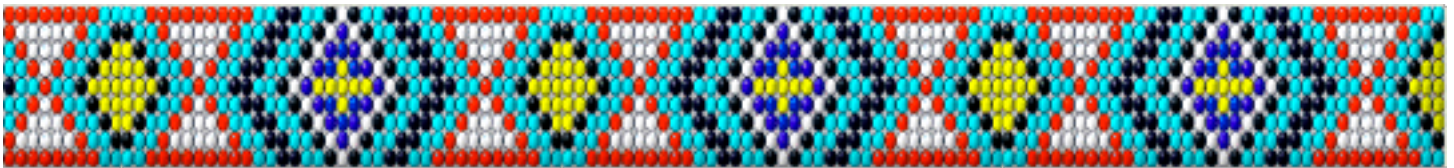
The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays.

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

Tribal Directories

A written request must be submitted if you would like one mailed to you or they can also be picked up at our office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. We can be contacted by calling Diane A. Lonn at (231) 398-6712, Jessica Wissner at (231) 398-6713, or Laurie Willis at (231) 398-6720.

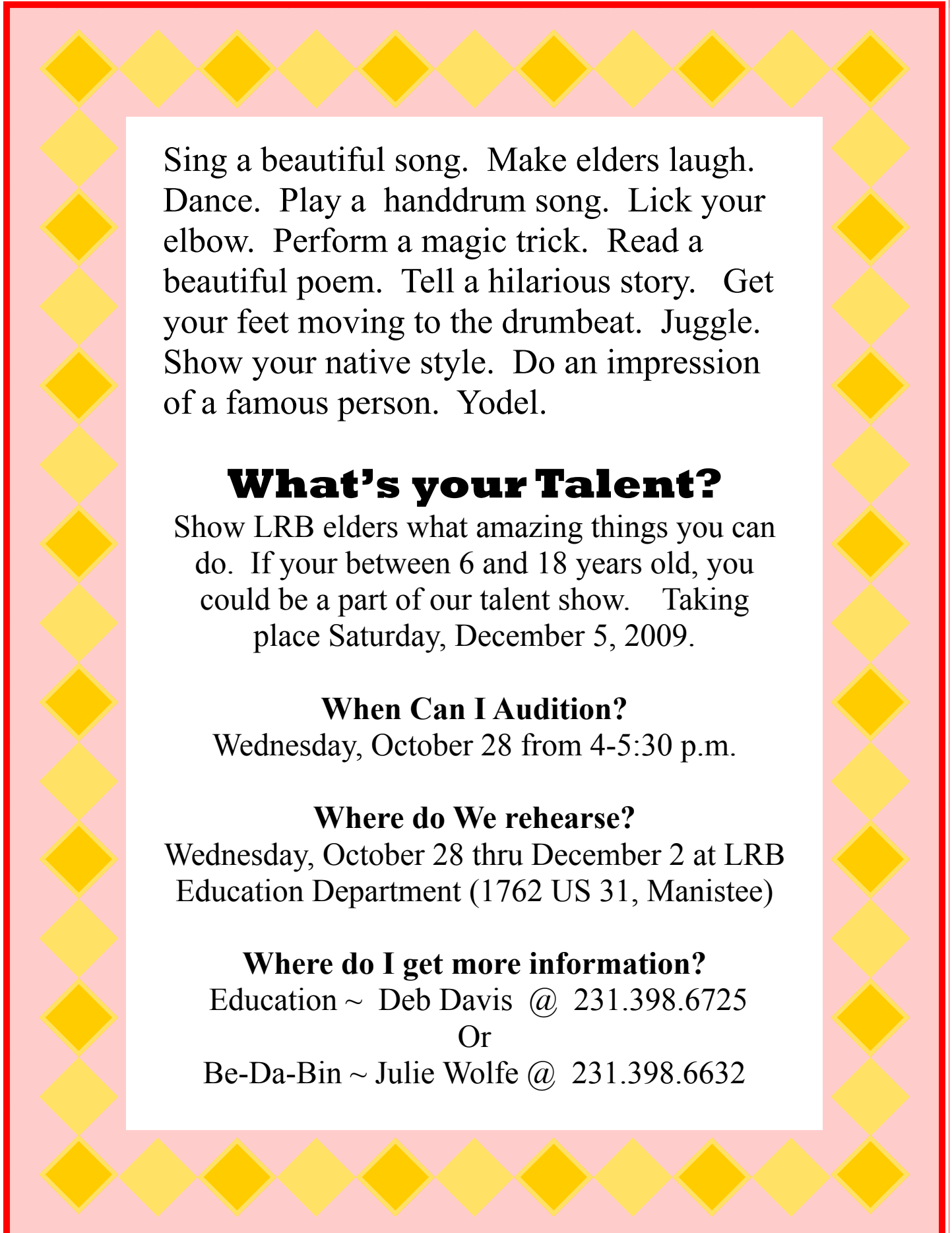


Information Resource

Robert Hendershot, developed the extensive historical archive at CMU's Clarke Historical Library, and all Anishnaabeg peoples should know about this resource, as it pertains to the history and legal precedents dating back 300 years: it's a superb resource for anyone trying to recover so much that has been lost, and it may serve other purposes for First Peoples. This is the CMU Native American Collection at Clarke Historical Library, compiled by Robert Hendershot and Michael W. Phillips Jr.: Here is the website for the collection:
<http://clarke.cmich.edu/nativeamericans/mphc/index.htm>

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.



Sing a beautiful song. Make elders laugh.
Dance. Play a handdrum song. Lick your
elbow. Perform a magic trick. Read a
beautiful poem. Tell a hilarious story. Get
your feet moving to the drumbeat. Juggle.
Show your native style. Do an impression
of a famous person. Yodel.

What's your Talent?

Show LRB elders what amazing things you can
do. If you're between 6 and 18 years old, you
could be a part of our talent show. Taking
place Saturday, December 5, 2009.

When Can I Audition?

Wednesday, October 28 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Where do We rehearse?

Wednesday, October 28 thru December 2 at LRB
Education Department (1762 US 31, Manistee)

Where do I get more information?

Education ~ Deb Davis @ 231.398.6725

Or

Be-Da-Bin ~ Julie Wolfe @ 231.398.6632